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ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION
ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 20.
FOLLOWING IS FINAL TEXT ADOPTED:
BEGIN TEXT

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,
BEING IN MIND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3168
(XXVIII) OF 17 DECEMBER 1973 AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1826
(LV) OF 10 AUGUST 1973 ON THE ROLE OF MODERN SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONS AND THE NEED TO
STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC CO-OPERATION
AMONG STATES,
REITERATING THAT THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY IS AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL COUNTRIES.
HAVING INMIND THE IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS
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AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN

THE APPLICATIONS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT,
AND IN PARTICULAR THOSE OF UNCTAD RELATED TO THE TRANSFER
OF TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

RECOGNIZING THAT THE RAPID PACE OF DEVELOPMENTS WITH
RESPECT TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN GENERAL, AS WELL AS THOSE
HAVING PARTICULAR RELEVANCE FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
SHOULD BE MONITORED AND CONSTRUCTIVELY CHANNELLED,
RECOGNIZING FURTHER THAT THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND
PARTICULARLY THE NEW NEEDS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNO-
LOGY MAKE IT IMPERATIVE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TO EXPAND
INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY ON THE BASIS OF PRINCIPLES DESIGNED TO ADJUST
THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RELATIONSHIPS AMONGST
STATES IN A MANNER COMPATIBLE WITH THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
AND INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

RECOGNIZING ALSO THE NEED FOR STIMULATING AN INCREASED
INTEREST AND ACTION IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND CONVINCED THAT THIS COULD BE FACILITATED
BY AN ADEQUATELY PREPARED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ORIENTED
TOWARD ELABORATION OF METHODS OF ACTION WITH REPRESENTATION
AT A HIGH LEVEL,

NOTING THAT THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT PROVIDE APPROPRIATE
FORA FOR THE STUDY OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR THE CO-ORDINATION OF RELATED
ACTIVITIES IN OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODIES, BUT THAT COMPLETE
INFORMATION ON THESE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR SUCH
A STUDY.

TAKING NOTE OF THE OBSERVATIONS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
(E/C.8/25) AND THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE
APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT ON
ITS ELEVENTH SESSION (E/C.8/24),

1. TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AT ITS SECOND SESSION
(E/) ON THE QUESTION OF CONVENING A UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT IN 1978
OR 1979.

2. DECIDES TO CONVENE IN 1975 AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
WORKING GROUP OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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FOR DEVELOPMENT TO EXAMINE THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES, TOPICS
AND AGENDA OF SUCH A CONFERENCE BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT, THE UNCTAD INTERGOVERNMENTAL
GROUP ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER RELEVANT
UNITED NATIONS BODIES INCLUDING THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC
COMMISSIONS;

3. EMPHASIZES THE NECESSITY THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE,

WHICH WOULD BE GENERALLY INTENDED TO SURVEY METHODS OF
FUTURE ACTION, BE CAREFULLY STRUCTURED AND CONCERNED
WITH ONLY A FEW SELECTED, WELL-DEFINED SUBJECTS AND IN THIS
RESPECT, EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THOROUGH PREPARATION;

4. DECIDES THAT THE WORKING GROUP SHALL REPORT ITS
FINDING TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS
REGARDING THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL;

5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PREPARE AND
SUBMIT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP AT ITS FIRST
SESSION A REPORT CONTAINING HIS VIEWS ON THE SCOPE AND
ANTICIPATED COSTS OF SUCH A CONFERENCE.

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